

## HIV/AIDS Profile: El Salvador

### Demographic Indicators

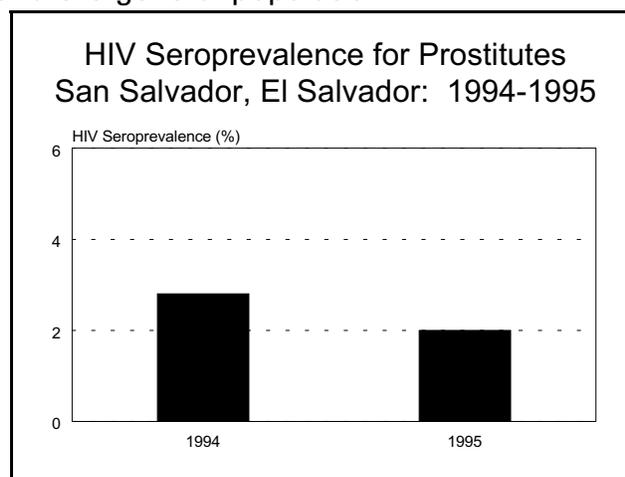
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| Population (1,000s)  | 6,123 | Growth Rate (%)              | 1.9 |
| Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)  |       | Life Expectancy              |     |
| Both Sexes   | 29    | Both Sexes                   | 70  |
| Male   | 32    | Male                         | 66  |
| Female   | 26    | Female                       | 74  |
| Crude Birth Rate (per 1,000)   | 29    | Crude Death Rate (per 1,000) | 6   |
| Percent Urban  | 58    | Total Fertility Rate         | 3.4 |
| <b>Note:</b> Above indicators are for 2000.  |       |                              |     |
| *****  |       |                              |     |
| Estimated % of adults living with HIV/AIDS, end 1999   | 0.6 % |                              |     |
| Cumulative AIDS rate (per 1,000) as of 8/20/98   | 0.40  |                              |     |
| Cumulative AIDS cases as of 8/20/98  | 2344  |                              |     |
| Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Reference Bureau, UNAIDS, World Health Organization. |       |                              |     |

### Epidemiological Data

Epidemic State: Low

There is limited HIV prevalence data pertaining to El Salvador. What data are available indicate a low-level epidemic. In the mid 1990s, rates among high-risk groups ranged from 2 to 6 percent. Very low rates of HIV infection were found among pregnant women, blood donors, and the general population.

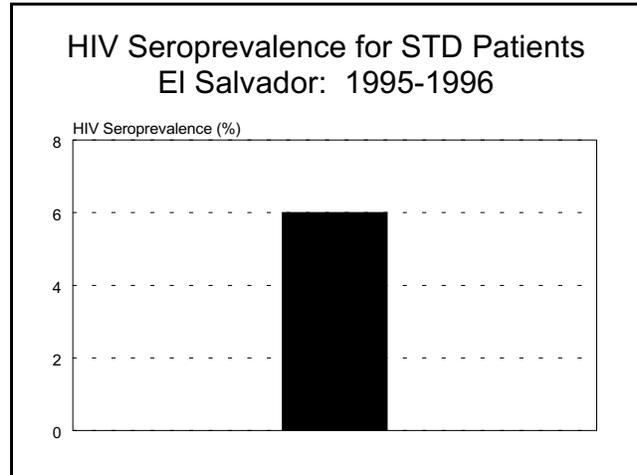
- Among prostitutes, both male and female, who were tested in area health units in San Salvador, the capital, in 1994, 3 percent tested positive. In 1995, 2 percent were infected.



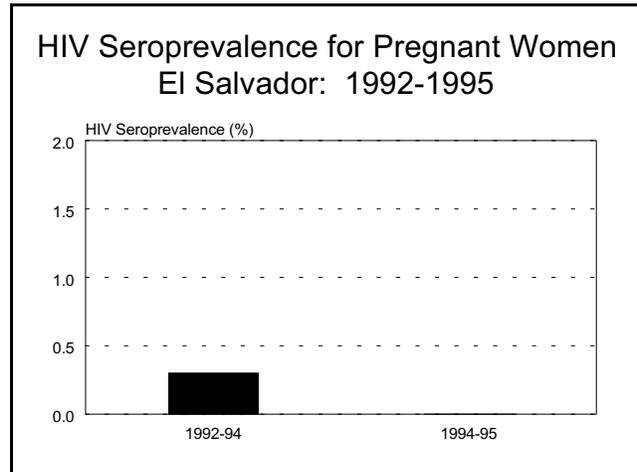
Source: International Programs Center, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, AIDS Surveillance Data Base, June 2000.

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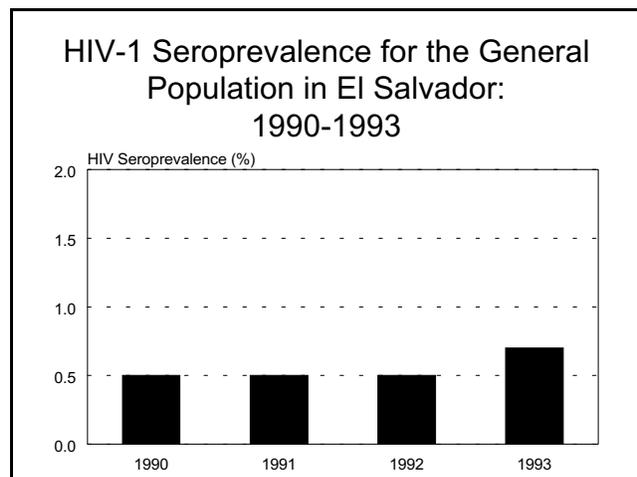
- Among patients attending a STD clinic in an unspecified geographic location in El Salvador, 6 percent tested positive for the HIV virus in 1995-96.



- Less than one-half of 1 percent of pregnant women tested in 1992-94 in El Salvador tested positive for the virus. In 1994-95, no evidence of infection was found among pregnant women tested at Hospital San Juan de Dios.

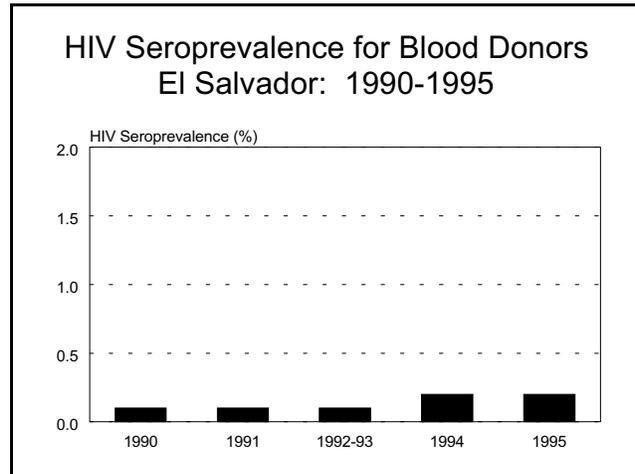


- According to a study conducted among the general population of El Salvador, HIV1 seroprevalence remained at under 1 percent during 1990-93.



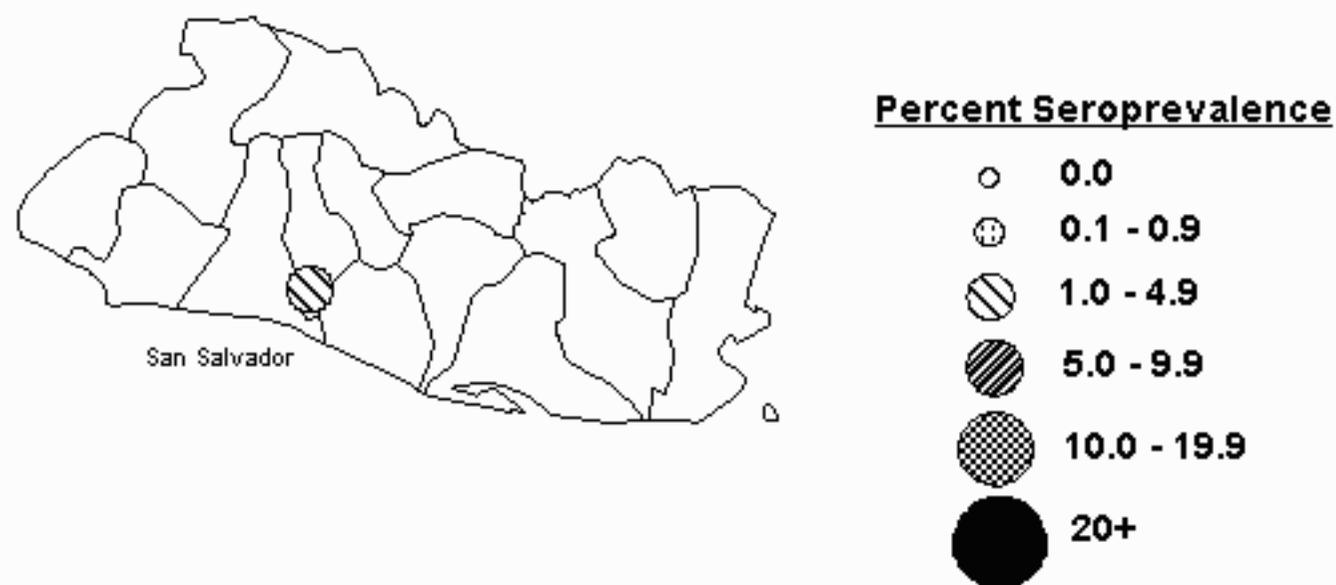
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- HIV seroprevalence remained stable during 1990-95 among blood donors tested at the Red Nacional de Bancos de Sangre.



# Seroprevalence of HIV-1 for Prostitutes

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